

Dr. Pierce

HIS PREACHING

Confuted by

HIS PRACTICE.

Sent in a Letter by N. G. to a Friend in

L O N D O N.

*John Dobson,
Author*

Dear George,

Br. in 1663.

I Send thee a Copy of the *Lampoon* upon the President of *Maudlins*, that you may see at what distance his Court-preaching stands with his College-practice. For there he twitted the Romanists with I know not what Noveltries both of Doctrine and Practice cunningly brought into the Church; whilst here, by a tyrannical and arbitrary way of Governing, he puts down all the good old Customs which seemed fit to be preserv'd by his Predecessors, (some whereof were as good, and others

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vid. Ant. à Wood ALLEN. p. 507.

better then himself) and, under pretence of Reformation, hath innovated more in a year and half, than the Romanists had done in many Ages. What his Innovations are I need not say here in Prose; thou wilt find in great part they are told in Verse: whereof but five or six Stanza's were proclaim'd on Act-Monday by Mr. Brookes of Christs-Church, than whom in many years there has not been a more couragious, or a more comical, *Terra-filius*. But his most execrable Novelty was his imperious way of Proceeding against *Harry Yerbury*; who (for all his Degree, and his Sufferings for the King 1648, his great Ingenuity, and civil Carriage) was not onely put out of Commons like a Boy, for I know not what Peccadillo's call'd *Verba brigosa*; but cast out of the College like any Dog, for but appealing to the *Visitor* from such Correction. Now to scare our own Governours from presuming to deal with us, as the Statute-monger of *Maudlins* dealt with him, be sure to publish this Ballad as far and wide as thou canst, so thou be'st but so honest as to hush up the Name of

Thy affectionate Servant,

N. G.



N Ear to the *Ford*, o're which an *Ass*
 Or an *Ox* at least did pass,
 And where the once-blest'd, *Magdalen*
A sinner is possess'd agen,
 The man that sets up *Innovation*
 By th' *primitive Rule of Reformation*,
 And preach'd down *Papery* too, in hope
 To be in time *Himself a Pope*,
 Makes new Religious *Modes* to grow,
Which from the Beginning were nothing so.

Demyes, and *Fellows* too, they say,
 Are in the *Chappel* brought to pray,
 As often as the *Organs* blow;
But from the beginning it was not so.

The *Founder's Laws* are so set up,
 That *Scholars*, when they dine and sup,
 Must bandy *Latine* to and fro;
But from the beginning it was not so.

The tree, which *Walnuts* forth did shoot,
 Is voted down both branch and root:
 And where *Bowls* ran, there *Turnips* grow;
But from the beginning it was not so.

Demyships, which were *bought* and *sold*,
 Cannot now be had for *Gold*;
 And things call'd *Merits*, *currant* go;
But from the beginning it was not so.

Fellowships eke are *nothing* worth,
 Which *eighty score Pieces* did bring forth,
 And a *Grainity* too, I trow;
But from the beginning it was not so.

A *Belly-full* now for a *Feast* must suffice,
 Whilst by an abatement of *Plum-broth* and *Pies*

Men are taught to be temperate ; but yet we know
That from the beginning it was not so.

Depraved manners now must be
 Reform'd by Easter-Scrutiny,
 Where none must his Accuser know ;
But from the beginning it was not so.

In time of Term 'tis lately said,
 That weekly Preachments must be made
 Whether the Preacher will or no ;
But from the beginning it was not so.

Gold is now wrested from the Fists
 Of all the late Spurroyallists
 Sent Pris'ners to th' Tow'r, as though
From the beginning it had been so.

The Grammar-school hath also cause
 To lay, New Lords do make new Laws,
 Though *Busby's* followers needs must know
That from the beginning it was not so.

Amongst the other Modern fashions
 All men are brought to Disputations,
 Both great and small, from top to toe ;
But from the beginning it was not so.

If a good Fellow be *Maudlin* drunk,
 Speak *Verba brigsas*, or keep a Punk,
 He straight must out of Commons go ;
But from the beginning it was not so.

If thereupon he make Appeals
 For having fasted all those Meals,
 He never must have Commons moe ;
But from the beginning it was not so.

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